# DAILY PLANET

#### ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

Wednesday, July 2

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#### Marshall-Managed Microgravity Research Mission Under Way

After a perfect launch of Space Shuttle Columbia early Tuesday afternoon at KSC, the reflight of the Marshall-managed Microgravity Science Laboratory - 1 mission is under way. Much of the first day in orbit was dedicated to readying experiment facilities and activating protein crystal growth and accelerometer studies. The 16-day mission is scheduled to conclude when Columbia returns to KSC July 17.

## Wednesday's NASA TV Schedule

<u>9:30 a.m.</u> STS-94 coverage

10:30 a.m. Mission Update

11 a.m.
Flight Day 1 highlights

2:30 p.m. Mission status/science briefings

3:30 p.m. Flight Day 2 highlights

### Sen. Sessions' Legislative Chief Here Wed. for Briefing and Tour

Richard Dearborn, legislative director for Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, is visiting Marshall Wednesday. He is meeting with Center Director Wayne Littles and will be briefed on the Reusable Launch Vehicle and the Advanced Space Transportation Program. Dearborn also will visit the Spacelab Mission Operations Control Center to view the progress of the Microgravity Science Laboratory - 1 mission.